

Appl. No. 09/853,156

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the above amendment, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the features of claim 3, which has been cancelled. It is observed that the feature of claim 2, from which the cancelled claim 3 depended, has not been incorporated into claim 1 because, as stated in the first paragraph of the detailed description, the principles of the invention may be applied to other types of communications system receiver. It is respectfully submitted that the amended claim 1 is allowable, together with all of the claims dependent thereon.

The dependency of claim 4 has been amended accordingly.

In view of the above amendment, it is believed that all of claims 1-2 and 4-20 now in this application are properly allowable. The Applicant therefore respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this application.

In view of the foregoing, early favorable consideration of this application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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